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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Carriage of the Transmissions of
Digital Television Broadcast Stations*
CS Docket No. 98-120
Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This provides notice that Richard Beahrs, Chief Operating Officer of Courtroom Television Network ("Court TV"), and I met today with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Susan Eid in Chairman Powell's Office, Alexis Johns in Commissioner Copps' Office, and Catherine Crutcher Bohigian in Commissioner Martin's Office, with regard to the above-reference proceeding. During the meetings, we discussed Court TV's position as reflected in its comments in the proceeding, and in particular the importance of ensuring that cable programmers and broadcasters compete on a level playing field. We reiterated that the Commission concluded correctly that the law cannot support a dual must carry requirement, and that the term "primary video" refers to a single channel of programming. No written materials were distributed during the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,



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